

IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository, comprising the steps of:
 - enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system;
 - identifying an authentication process;
 - forwarding the user credential input to a first server; and
 - enabling the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input and to determine user access control data for identifying a least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects, wherein the remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the first server.
2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of importing user information from the remote repository.
3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the authentication process comprises Lightweight Directory Access Protocol.
4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the authentication process comprises an operating system authentication.
5. **(Original)** The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of enabling the server to synchronize user account data with the user information from the remote repository.
6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the user is associated with a group of users wherein group information from the remote repository is imported.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 2 wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user.
8. **(Currently Amended)** A system for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository, comprising:
 - an input for enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system;
 - an identification module for identifying an authentication process;
 - a forwarding module for forwarding the user credential input to a first server; and
 - a first server for applying the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input and to determine user access control data for identifying a least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects, wherein the remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the first server.
9. **(Original)** The system of claim 8 further comprising an import module for importing user information from the remote repository.
10. **(Original)** The system of claim 8 wherein the authentication process comprises Lightweight Directory Access Protocol.
11. **(Original)** The system of claim 8 wherein the authentication process comprises an operating system authentication.
12. **(Original)** The system of claim 9 wherein the server synchronizes user account data with the user information from the remote repository.
13. **(Original)** The system of claim 8 wherein the user is associated with a group of users wherein group information from the remote repository is imported.

14. **(Original)** The system of claim 9 wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A processor-readable medium comprising code for execution by a processor to integrate security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository, the medium comprising:

code for causing a processor to enable a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system;

code for causing a processor to identify an authentication process;

code for causing a processor to forward the user credential input to a first server; and

code for causing a processor to enable the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input and to determine user access control data for identifying a least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects, wherein the remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the first server.

16. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15 further comprising code for causing a processor to import user information from the remote repository.

17. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15 wherein the authentication process comprises at least one of Lightweight Directory Access Protocol and operating system authentication.

18. **(Original)** The medium of claim 16 further comprising code for causing a processor to enable the server to synchronize user account data with the user information from the remote repository.

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19. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15 wherein the user is associated with a group of users wherein group information from the remote repository is imported.
20. **(Original)** The medium of claim 16 wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user.